



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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## High Temperatures Return

### Agricultural Summary

Several weather stations recorded triple digit highs during the past week. Unlike the hot spell in July, last week's hot temperatures only lasted a few days, and the nights were cooler than last month. A few, isolated storms were reported, but most of the state was dry last week. Major activities across the state include irrigating and, harvesting small grains, hay, dry peas, lentils, and mint.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry thunderstorms moved through Southwestern Idaho last week, sparking range fires in several locations. One-half of the State's range and pasture was rated to be in good or excellent condition, a decline from last week.

### Field Crop Report

Grain harvest was underway in nearly all areas of the state during the past week. Much of the grain harvest in Southwestern Idaho and other low elevation areas is nearly complete, while farmers at high elevation areas are just beginning. A few dry bean and potato fields have been harvested. Fruit growers in the Treasure Valley are harvesting peaches and other soft fruits.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 37 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Reports indicate all 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress			
Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Spring Wheat Turning Color	95	95	95
Barley Turning Color	96	93	96
Oats Harvested for Grain	28	26	20
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	11	7	10
Dry Beans Harvested	2	1	1
Dry Peas Harvested	49	43	42
Lentils Harvested	28	31	27
Mint-1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting Harvested	50	51	60

Crop Condition					
Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	5	17	64	14
Spring Wheat	1	2	19	70	8
Barley	--	4	20	66	10
Potato	--	--	9	76	15
Irr. Water Supply	--	1	6	61	32
Range and Pasture	1	6	43	47	3

Crop Progress by District															
Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested.....	69	54	47	84	91	92	79	52	71	62	44	53	69	54	57
Spring Wheat															
Harvested .....	21	15	11	54	84	83	44	22	32	19	4	16	25	11	19
Barley															
Harvested.....	25	21	15	93	92	84	33	33	44	15	5	14	22	16	23
Alfalfa Hay															
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting Harvested .	85	41	50	100	97	99	99	91	96	76	74	71	88	82	82
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	74	33	51	64	31	29	14	7	4	46	22	24

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 13, 2006 <sup>1/</sup>**

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D' Alene	93	46	69	1	2829	1563	1292	0.00	-0.29	0.00	3.22	10.5
Grangeville	91	46	68	1	2522	1349	1030	0.17	-0.06	0.17	12.46	13.7
Lewiston	103	52	75	--	3714	2256	1877	0.18	0.04	0.18	6.9	6.11
Sand Point	94	43	72	6	2611	1397	1050	0.00	-0.27	0.00	10.84	12.46
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	104	52	76	1	3798	2404	1804	0.02	-0.06	0.02	7.43	5.18
Caldwell	100	52	73	-2	3676	2247	2051	0.00	-0.08	0.00	3.4	4.58
Emmett	102	52	74	1	3469	2108	1771	0.00	-0.08	0.00	7.55	5.3
Mountain Home	102	54	76	1	3777	2449	1802	0.00	-0.07	0.00	6.55	3.93
Parma	--	50	--	--	3562	2186	1728	0.00	-0.10	0.00	4.84	4.65
Weiser	103	55	--	--	3848	2439	1813	0.45	0.37	0.45	6.24	4.65
<b>South-Central</b>												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	95	43	70	-1	2940	1700	1483	0.00	-0.10	0.02	5.76	4.68
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	97	37	69	1	2974	1706	1284	0.00	-0.15	0.24	4.98	5.23
Twin Falls	98	45	73	4	3157	1898	1309	0.00	-0.08	--	6.48	4.83
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	95	39	70	2	2805	1618	1156	0.00	-0.14	--	5.63	4.41
Grace	95	38	67	1	2575	1444	1007	0.00	-0.27	--	6.71	7.87
Idaho Falls	92	39	66	-2	2625	1451	1203	0.03	-0.13	0.14	6.53	5.49
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	97	42	72	2	2927	1716	1355	0.00	-0.16	0.12	5.57	5.88
Rexburg	92	42	68	1	2635	1484	1107	0.00	-0.16	0.07	6.79	6.95
Salmon	97	45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.  
2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.